विशेषज्ञता की पूर्ति के रूप में स्थापित किए गए हैं। म्यांमार प्राधिकारियों ने बताया है कि वे किसी बाहरी देश के कार्मिकों को अपने यहां ठहरने या अपने क्षेत्र में स्थापित सुविधाएं संचालित करने की अनुमति नहीं देते हैं।

हमारी राष्ट्रीय सुरक्षा पर प्रभाव डालने वाली सभी गतिविधियों का नियमित रूप से मूल्यांकन किया जाता है और उन पर नजर रखी जाती है। समुचित रक्षा तैयारी सुनिश्चित करने के लिए जरूरत के अनुसार आवश्यक कदम उठाए जाते हैं।

हाल के वर्षों में, भारत-चीन संबंधों में संतुलित सुधार हुआ है। दोनों देश रचनात्मक और सहयोगी संबंध बनाने के लिए सहमत हैं। भारत सरकार इस प्रक्रिया और अपने सबसे बड़े पड़ोसी चीन के साथ मित्रता, सहयोगी, अच्छे पड़ोसी, आपसी हितकारी संबंध बढ़ाने के लिए वचनबद्ध है।

**सैन्य बलों के लिए निधियों का आबंटन**

18. **श्री गोपाल सिंह जी० सोलंकी:** क्या रक्षा मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) वर्ष 1993-94, 1994-95, 1995-96 और 1996-97 के आम बजट में भारतीय सेना के तीनों स्कन्धों के लिए विभिन्न परियोजनाओं हेतु वर्ष-वार कुल कितना आबंटन किया गया;

(ख) उपरोक्त वर्षों के दौरान वर्ष-वार वास्तव में, कुल कितनी धनराशि व्यय की गई;

(ग) क्या पेट्रोलियम उत्पादों की मूल्य वृद्धि तथा मुद्रास्फीति बढ़ने से वास्तविक व्यय पर प्रतिकूल प्रभाव पड़ा है; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो किस सीमा तक?

**रक्षा मंत्री (श्री जॉर्ज फर्नान्डीज):** (क) और (ख) तीनों सेनाओं को वर्ष 1993-94 से 1996-97 तक विभिन्न परियोजनाओं/योजनाओं के लिए आबंटित की गई धनराशि और उसमें से खर्च की गई राशि की स्थिति इस प्रकार है:—

(करोड़ रुपये में)

| वर्ष | आबंटन | वास्तविक व्यय |
|---|---|---|
| 1993-94 | 5776.59 | 5757.45 |
| 1994-95 | 5912.25 | 5842.69 |
| 1995-96 | 6889.69 | 6902.86 |
| 1996-97 | 7110.82 | 7166.11 |

(ग) और (घ) मुद्रास्फीति और पैट्रोलियम उत्पादों की कीमतों में वृद्धि होने से रक्षा व्यय प्रभावित होता है। रक्षा के लिए आबंटित राशि उपयुक्त रूप से बढ़ाई जाती है ताकि सशस्त्र सेनाओं के अनिवार्य रख रखाव और आधुनिकीकरण संबंधी जरूरतों पर इन पहलुओं का प्रतिकूल प्रभाव न पड़े।

**LCA Project**

19. SHRI S.M. KRISHNA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the present position of the project for building the light combat aircraft (LCA);

(b) by when it is likely to be taken to the skies; and

(c) what are the hindrances for its early first flight?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) The indigenously developed first Light Combat Aircraft (LCA) is undergoing engine ground run and other safety of flight tests for undertaking its maiden flight. The second LCA is in final stage of assembly. The work on third & fourth aircraft has also commenced.

(b) Major milestones which are required to be completed prior to the flight test with the estimated times are given as under:—

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|---|---|
| Completion of engine ground run | June 1998 |
| Integration of flight control system | October 1998 |
| Integration of Avionics and flight control | December 1998 |
| Completion of EMI/ EMC checks and closed loop structural coupling test | Februay 1999 |
| Flight test preparation | March-April 1999 |
| LCA flight trial | April-July 1999 |

(c) The LCA has large number of State-of-the-art components, assemblies and subsystems and also the flight software of highly complex nature which are required to be extensively tested and evaluated for their airworthiness, before conducting the first flight so that any likely problem is identified and eliminated at the pre-flight stage itself. This is a time consuming exercise of essential nature and its under advanced stage of accomplishment.

**Declassification of INA Files**

20. SHRI DEBABRATA BISWAS: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that he has recently declassifed a number of INA files and records and ordered them to be sent to the National Archives for public inspection and study;

(b) if so, what were the criteria adopted to declassify these documents;

(c) whether it is also a fact that there are still several thousands of files which have not been classified and still kept in his Ministry as "Secret records";

(d) if so, the reasons therefor and whether these records are proposed to be reviewed; and

(e) if answer to part (d) above is in the negative, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) and (b) In 1997, Ministry of Defence constituted a committee of officials to examine the INA records in its custody taking into consideration the sensitiveness of these records in relation to National security, relations with foreign countries and potential of raising controversies from various angles. Based on the recommendation of the committee, the INA records were declassified and transferred to the National Archives of India in August, 1997.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) and (e) Do not arise.

**Chinese threat on Indian Border**

21. SHRI YERRA NARAYANASWAMY:
DR. D. VENKATESHWAR RAO:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether China and Burma have become a constant threat on India's border both at sea and on land;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps proposed to counter the threat?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) to (c) China maintains the largest standing army in the world and is a nuclear weapon state. It has also undertaken military modernisaton programmes incldding the augmentation of its nuclear arsenal. It is also upgrading its logistic and infrastructure facilities in the India-China border areas. China is assisting Pakistan in their nuclear programme and missile programme. The defence relations between China & Myanmar also have a bearing on India's security.

All developments which affect India's national security are constantly monitored and reviewed and necessary measures are taken, as required, to maintain defence preparedness.

It will not be appropriate to disclose further details in the interest of our national security and relations with neighbouring countries.

**ISI funding insurgency in Tamil Nadu**

22. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have enough evidence of complicity of the Inter Services Intelligence of Pakistan in funding insurgency in Tamil Nadu as reported in the Pioneer of April 16, 1998;

(b) if so, how far back in history this evidence goes; and